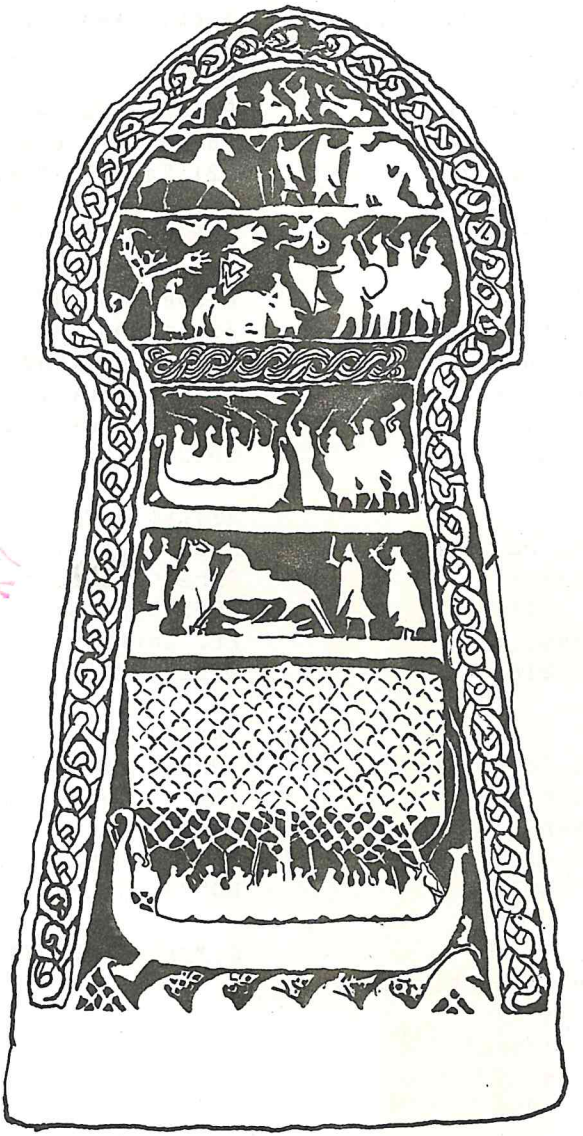

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY:

2 - May Day (Caerthe)* Lady Alaissa (303) 252-0125
2 - May Faire & May Day Melee (Anlieplic Dun/Dryganstan)* Maeve Lindsay (505) 757-6895 and Lord Lief (505) 983-5234
2 - Baronial Championship (Citadel)* Beryld Black Wolf (915) 533-3275
4 - ****SHIRE MEETING****, 7 PM, Room 206, Student Center
9 - Yewwood Manor House Warming (Unknown Village)* Lord Tod Coyle (307) 632-8162
9 - Period Performance (Caerthe) Aleen (303) 830-2373
16 - Defender/Champion Tourney (Unser Hafen)* Lord Kevin (303) 221-0850
16 - Capitol Hill Peoples' Fair (Caerthe)* Lord John (303) 761-3670
20 - ****GUILD MEETING****, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
23 - Grand Outlandish XIV (al-Barran)* Jarl Gunwaldt (505) 299-2476
30 - Outland's Coronation & Queen's Champion (Dragonsspine)* Duchess Selene (303) 597-5259

JUNE:

1 - ****SHIRE MEETING****, 7 PM, Room 206, Student Center
17 - ****GUILD MEETING****, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
20 - High Altitude Quest (Dryganstan)* Lynna (505) 982-8832
26 -+Known World Heraldic Symposium (Berkeley, CA)* Mistress Alison von Markheim (415) 420-1860
27 - 3 1/2 Shires to the Wind Oasis Tourney/A & S Competition (Caer Galen, Unser Hafen, Windkeep and The Unknown Village)* Lady Elizabeth Freemountain (303) 499-8807

JULY:

6 - ****SHIRE MEETING****, 7 PM, Room 206, Student Center
11 - Moonlight Tourney (Caer Mithin Halle)
15 - ****GUILD MEETING****, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
18 - Tournament of Roses (Aarquelle)* Lord Giovanni (303) 329-3877
25 - Summer Games (Anlieplic Dun) Maria del Gato (505) 672-9276
26 - Archery Event (Hawk's Hollow) Lord Erik

AUGUST:

1 - Viking Trading Post (Caerthe) Jarl Freana
3 - ****SHIRE MEETING****, 7 PM, Room 206, Student Center
15 - Bringing Civilization to Europe (Hawk's Hollow) Lady Semahoyo
19 - ****GUILD MEETING****, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
22 - Middle Eastern Workshop & Revel (al-Barran) Mistress Beau (505) 842-8412

SEPTEMBER:

5 - Warlord (Caerthe)
12 - Highland Games (Estes Park) Lady Wyndylvn

NOVEMBER:

14 - Viking Vintr Vunderlandt III (Dragonsspine) Lord Knut (303) 598-0232

Items with * after them detailed in this issue. Items with + before them are out-of-Kingdom events.

The deadline for artwork or articles is the 16th of the previous month.

ART CREDITS: Frithjaf Tygeson

MAY DAY FENCING TOURNEY & REVEL

The 2nd annual May Day fencing Tournement Of Flowers is being planned for May 2nd. Site has not been determined, yet, but we are planning an outdoor tourney, picnic and, of course the Maypole. More information will appear in future issues of the Fortress. For more information or questions, please, contact Lady Alaissia or Lord Aubrey at 252-0125.

COME TO THE FAIRE

The shires of Anlieplic Dun and Dryganstan cordially invite you to a Royal Faire, to be held May 2, 1987 in the courtyard of Fortress El Dorado in Dryganstan (mundanely known as the El Dorado Hotel in Santa Fe NM), from 10 a.m. to Dark Thirty.

Participants may set up anytime Saturday morning.

The fortress seneschal has generously offered to provide booths for the merchants, first prize in the tourney, cut-rate rooms ($55 – this is a very ritzy fortress!), a hospitality suite, and the second-best ballroom to revel in after the fair.

In return for this largesse, the fortress folk would like us to appear with ll the color and pageantry we are capable of mustering, so dig out the serious costumes. We are asking for merchants, and musicians especially to come to play, and hopefully make some shekels! The hotel is handling all the mundane publicity, both a local campaign and a trade campaign. Musicians, jugglers, etc., will be able to perform for contributions, and merchants can use a 10' x 10' wood frame booth (to be decorated as you like) for the small sum of $5, or two merchants may share a booth for $8.

No food vendors, please, as the fortress is taking care of all that, including roast pig on a spit, meat pasties, and a FULL TAVERN. We have lots of other goodies planned, including a barbarian raid, dancing girls and a dragon.

AND, for the fighters, we have a prize tourney (entry fee $1), with a dinner for two in the fortress banquet hall as first prize. A second prize and best death prize will also be awarded.

Be sure to stay over for the Famous Dryganstan May Day Melee, to be held on Sunday, May 3. First prize, as usual, will be new tunics for the winning three-man team.

For further information and crash space and merchants' reservations, please contact:

Lady Maeve Lindsay
(Natashe Williamson)
1210 Luisa St., Suite #3
Santa Fe NM 87501
505-757-6895

Note: Merchants please reserve early, as the number of booths will be limited, and the hotel won't get nervous if they're all filled.

Baronial Championship and Mayfest

The Citadel of the Southern Pass invites one and all to its BARONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT and a celebration of May on Saturday, May 2.

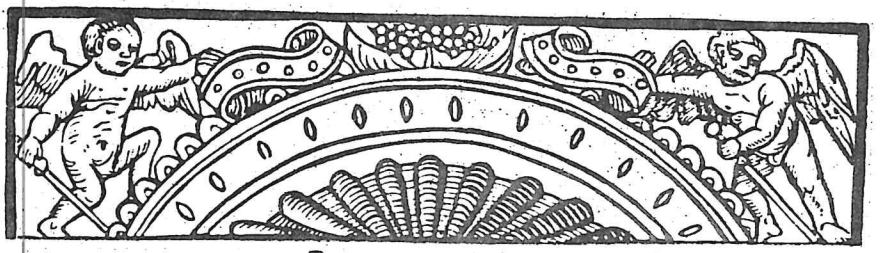
The event will take place at Grandview Park Shelter. Site fees will be $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children. The site and lists will open at 10 a.m. with the tournament beginning at 11 a.m. Entrants in the Championship Tournament must be from the Citadel and be dues paying members of the Society. Immediately following the Championship Tournament will be a Plunder Tourney open to all. An item of "plunder" is required for entry.

Throughout the day, other competitions will be held: A pente Tournament, Greco-Roman Wrestling (Upper body wrestling--one fall). Best use of flowers, Best War Story (10 minute limit).

The evening's activities will begin with a bounteous feast ($5.00 for adults; half-price for smalls). Table set-up will be at 6 p.m., followed by court. After the feast, there will be a maypole, dancing, and revelry until the site closes at 11 p.m. Bring feast gear, candles, banners, tablecloths and your own munchies for lunch, if desired. Alcoholic beverages must be kept in period containers and indoors. Please make feast and crash space reservations in advance. Send checks, payable to SCA-Citadel of the Southern Pass, to the event autocrat:

Event Autocrat
Beryld Black Wolf
c/o Barry Boetto
1412 Murchinson
El Paso, TX 79902
(915) 533-3275

Feast Autocrat
Joella Claramonde
c/o Mandy Burgin
8921 Cosmos
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 591-5910



IT'S MAY!

THE HOUSEHOLD OF YEWWOOD MANOR is moving to its new and permanent home. Lord Tod and Lady Ceallach hereby invite one and all to a gala HOUSEWARMING REVEL to be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 9 and 10, A.S. XXII.

Come and join us for a weekend of feasting, fun, frolic and (weather permitting), fighting. Also plan on mirth, merriment, mayflowers and (weather permitting), maypoles!

A May Queen of Love and Beauty will be chosen on Saturday morning to "rule" for the weekend. (Method of choice to be decided later).

We will start the celebration at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday and continue through Sunday evening or exhaustion, whichever comes first.

There will be NO site fee! However, each guest is asked to please bring a Pot Luck dish for the Saturday evening feast. THIS IS A WET SITE!!

There is crash space available as well as commercial campgrounds and numerous motels within two miles.

Although there is no parking at the actual site, there is ample parking within 1 block. (The one disadvantage of moving into a complex).

The Autocrat's must insist that there be ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING INDOORS at this event, as there is a severe smoke allergy in the family.

If you wish to come on Friday evening, you are most welcome. Please let up know far enough in advance that we will be expecting you.

AUTOCRATS ARE: Lord Tod Coyle and Lady Ceallach Tremen
QTRS 378B
F.E. Warren AFB, WY
82001-7019
307-632-8162

OUR NEW ADDRESS - EFFECTIVE 15 March 1986 & REVEL SITE:
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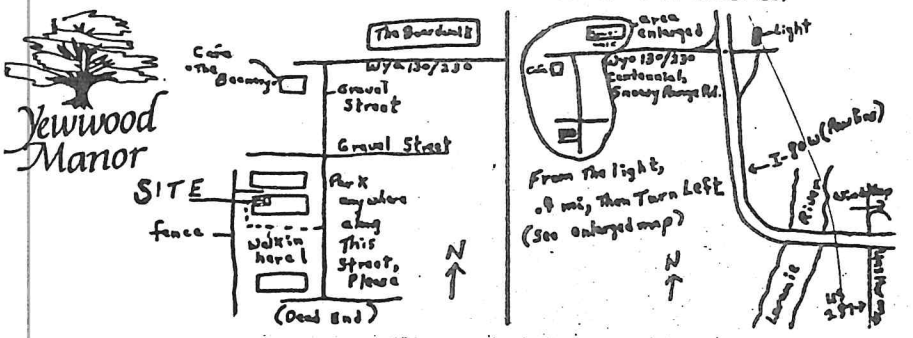

Capitol Hill People's Fair

May 16th and 17th, 1987

Caerthe's most important demo of the year. The Capitol Hill People's Fair has been moved to Civic Center Park. The fair will be held on May 16th and 17th, with set-up beginning promptly at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday (rain dates will be May 30th and 31st). The SCA has been invited to play a special role in providing a period atmosphere in the fair's new Renaissance area located on the corner of Broadway and Colfax Ave. We need fighters and fencers for demonstrations of SCA combat. There will also be a court dance demo, medieval fashion show, and a display of arts and sciences. A stage area will be provided for individual and group dramatic performances and we are also in need of singers and musicians. There is booth space for merchants to sell their wares and for Tarot readings. We are also in need of banners to decorate the site, tents of period design, carts and dollies for loading, and people to help set-up the site. There will be further information and a schedule of events in next months Fortress. Persons wishing to perform, sell wares or read cards must contact the autocrat, Lord John of Temple Manor at farspeaker 751-3670 before April 20th.

ARTS & SCIENCES MEETING/WORKSHOP

There will be an Arts & Sciences Meeting/Workshop on Wednesday, May 20, A. S. XXII, at 7 PM at 622 Whedbee Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

4th Annual (skipped one) Unser Hafen
Champion/Defender Tourney

Where : Spring Creek Park (See map)
When : Sign-up starts at 1:00 PM
Saturday, May 16, ce 1987, AS XXII
Who : Lord Kevin MacKinnon hosts this years gala event
How much: $2.50 for fighters fighting
$1.50 for revellers revelling.

After a one year hiatus the Unser Hafen (Uns Haven, Stonehaven ...) Champion/Defender tourney returns! This year Kevin is stuck, um, graced with the autocratship of it. The fighting will consist of a variety of styles using the weapons of honor traditionally used in single combat. After the fighting, there will be a revel held to B.S. over the days contests and present the awards to the winners of the tourney.

The three lists will be:

1. Good old Sword and Shield. Sword AND Shield is a must.

2. Two swords. No two handed weapons, and you must use both swords.

3. Weapons draw. Each fighter will draw two selections from the can, these may both be weapons or one may be a shield.

There is only one guarantee, there will be no melee weapons used in the lists (poles, halberds, spears). The idea being that these are weapons of mass combat, not personal combat. Two hand weapons will be represented however.

The lists will be scored to find the overall winner. A first place gets three points, second gets two, and third place will get one point. The overall winner will be named Champion of Unser Hafen and gets the first prize of three ounces of pure silver, the Champion sword and favor. The sword and favor are awarded on a rotating basis. The champion will need to be present to hand them over to the Champion of next year. At this time he/she will get a favor to keep made by the artisans of Unser Hafen. The highest scoring member of Unser Hafen will be named Defender of Unser Hafen. His/Her award will be the baldric and 'Old Helm' of the first Defender of Unser Hafen. If a member of Unser Hafen scores the highest, he/she will of course, win the whole ball of wax. The Defenders awards are also given on a rotating basis of course.

The location of the revel will be announced and directions given at the tourney site. There will be games of Chess, Backgammon, and Medieval Trivial Pursuit on hand, as well as a sideboard and Dancing. Anything brought for the sideboard will be greatly appreciated and greeted with a smile from the autocrat.

Autocrat: Lord Kevin MacKinnon
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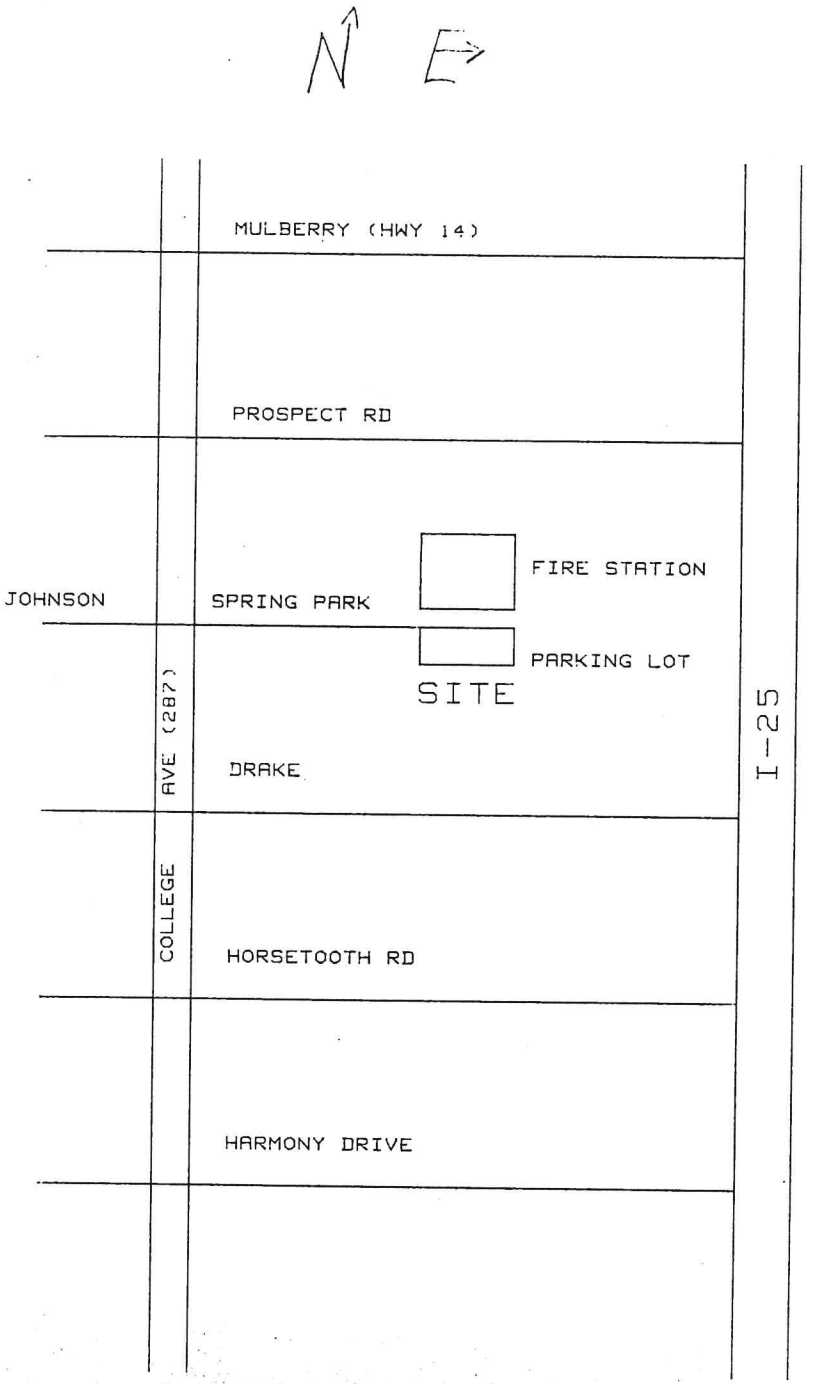
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Plans Underway for Outlandish XIV

The Fourteenth Grand Outlandish is almost upon us, and it is time to get the news out! It's the third time around for both the site and the autocrat (sort of), so we expect things to go smoothly and funly (funnily?).

FIGHTING TOURNAMENTS ON SATURDAY

-- Prize Tournament for $50 spending spree at on-site merchants

-- Caerthans "Thank You" Tournament (for the support they received from the other groups in their time of financial need)

-- Households are welcome to schedule other tournaments with the autocrat. Ideas should be called in or sent to Gunwaldt before April 10 to get in the May *Outlandish Herald*

MELEES ON SUNDAY

-- thirty-year war (will the old fogeys do it again?)

-- al-Barran against the world (we take on all comers!)

-- defile battles and hill battles

Melee and tournament fields will be open on both days.

QUIET TIMES ARE

1 a.m. -- 9 a.m.

No Drumming Saturday Night!!

KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Supervision and activities Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Fee: One hour volunteered time per child -- bring something to do with kids (crafts, storytelling, circle/running game, contest)

Currently planned: children's bardic, boffer tournament **Contact Coriander or Dennis, 294-0841**

SITE FEES

$5 per person for the whole weekend -- or -- $2 per day

Children under 13 free (Teenagers are expected to pay and act like responsible adults)

No fee for merchants, but they are asked to tithe of their profits to the kingdom coffers.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

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first aid kit
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sunburn medication
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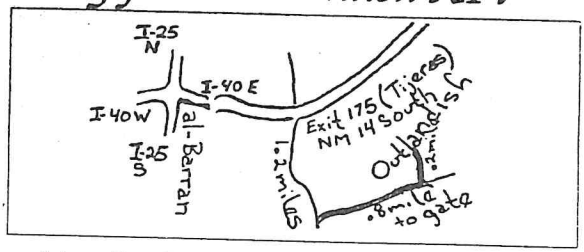
and more sunscreen



A longer list will appear next month

BARDIC on Saturday Night

VOCAL, INSTRUMENTAL, VERSE or TALE COMPETITION for good prizes, chief of all being a $30 shopping spree at the merchants', and others.

All entrants will also be judges, and anyone who listens to all entrants will have an opportunity to choose their favorites. Winners will be announced Sunday morning.

Entries need to be either under three minutes long or very interesting (preferably both). At the end of three minutes, you may be cut off.

More information next time if necessary. **Contact Countess AElflaed, 299-2476, with questions or suggestions.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The site opens Friday at noon for early set up and camping.

If you're familiar with the site, what was the court area before is open for camping this year. Court will be at the fighting field (but not too close for safety's sake). The autodrat will camp close to the field. Children's activities, a chirurgeon's station, the lists officer, the hospitaller -- all will be situated in accessible, visible places near the autocrat (near the merchants, near the fighting).

The autocrat is Gunwaldt Gulbjorn. The deputy autocrat is Aleron of Eagle's Reach. Other people who will be helping are AElflaed, Geyla, Mariah-Lyn, Tarkin, Gerrick, Morgaine, Tara and Artan, and others not-yet-volunteered. Your name could be on this Distinguished List.

Dogs should be on leashes (the meaner the dog, the shorter the leash).

Anyone you invite should be briefed on behavior and protocol by you. Be a good host for your guests and provide for them or make arrangements for others to do so.

Questions and suggestions should go to

Jarl Gunwaldt (Keith Dodd), 8116 Princess Jeanne NE, Albuquerque NM 87110, (505) 299-2476.

The deadline for the May issue of the *Outlandish Herald* is April 10, so don't wait too long to get your brilliant suggestions where they'll do everyone some good!

CORONATION

The Barony of Dragonsspine is honored to host the Third Coronation for the Kingdom of the Outlands.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday May 30-31, 1987 at 9 am
-- all other times will be announced on site

WHERE: Lions Club Camp for Handicapped
Children, north of Woodland Park, CO

FEES: $10 includes the daytime site,
Sat. evening feast and Sunday morning brunch
$5 overnite site fee -- The site had two dorms with beds and matresses. The main lodge has floor space. Same price wherever you sleep on site. BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING. There will be crash space available in Colorado Springs, about 20 miles away. Children 12 and under are half price, under 6 are free, HOWEVER, the overnite fee is $5 for each person of any age. No camping allowed on site, and the fee for staying on site in your own vehicle is also $5 (SITE rules). At least it's not a dry site.

AUTOCRAT: Duchess Selene of the Sky
Penny Tegen 303/597-5259
2926 Valarie Circle
Colorado Springs, CO 80917

ON SITE REEVE:
Lord Harold Thredar

KITCHEN MARSHALL:
Baron Sir Eric Edmunsson

The solteltie sideboard is a contest with a theme of: Glory in the Outlands. Please bring an entry -- we will be delighted.

The anticipated events will include a living chess game on Saturday between two nobles (the King and Crown Prince, should they be willing), courts on Saturday and Sunday, Coronation on Saturday evening and the Queen's Champion Tourney on Sunday morning. (Note: All proposed events will be changed at the direction of the King and Queen.) The living chess board will consist of squares 6'x6'. the moves will alternate between the King and Prince. Each move will consist of the advancement of three men. Should an opposing man already occupy a square, combat will determine the final possessor of the square. Should a combatant step out of his square three times he loses the square.

CORONATION REGISTRATION FORM

The third Coronation for the Kingdom of the Outlands will be held in the Barony of Dragonsspine on May 30-31, 1987.

Total number of adults for the site/feast ____ X $10 = $____

Total number of children for the site/feast ____ X $5 = $____

Total number of both staying on site overnight ____ X $5 = $____

Total number of both seeking crash space ____ X $0 = $00

TOTAL PAYABLE TO THE BARONY OF DRAGONSSPINE $____

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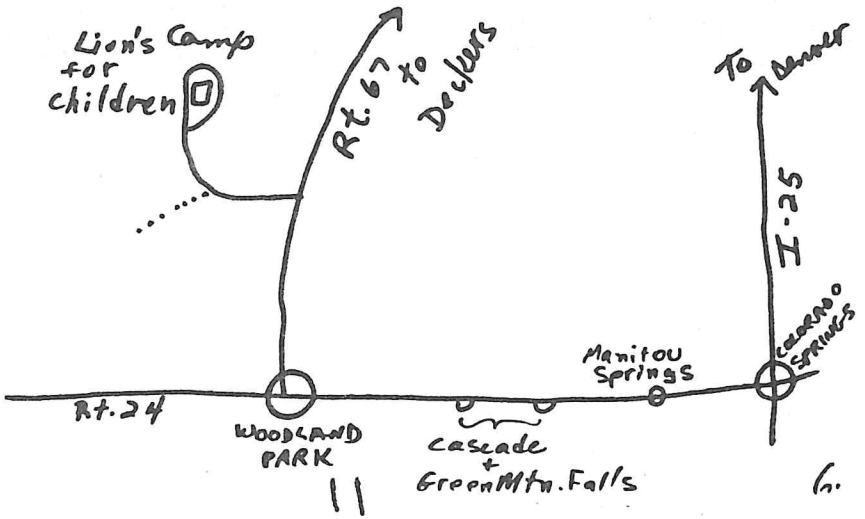
Barony/Shire/Canton
Household

Groups of 6 - 10 will have spaces reserved for them. A group of less than 10 will have to share the table with others. A children's table for those 10 and under can be arranged should enough interest be shown. Please add a note to this registration form should you desire a children's table.

Total seating is limited to 120. PLEASE reserve as early as possible. On site room at the feast is not guaranteed without a reservation. Write or call Duchess Selene of the Sky (Penny Tegen), 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80917 (303) 597-5259.



Questers to Hunt Clue to Riddle

Bring your galoshes to the High Altitude Quest and Tourney, to be held June 19-21. This year we hope to beat the Midsummer Nightmare of 2 inches of ice, cold hail and "Chilling Rains."

This year the quest autocrat will be Larke. He requests the assistance and participation of all those planning on coming up. If you are interested in being part of the "background color," i.e. monsters, thieves, merchants, etc., please contact him at the number provided below. The quest will be explained in future issues of the *Outlandish Herald*. All rules will be published in the May issue.

However, we can tell you the quest will begin at 10 a.m. MSCA Time, and finish around 4 p.m. MSCA Time. Here is a sneak preview.

The Quest of the Five Keys

Legend tells of a time past when five keys were made and entrusted to a young man living in the Shire of Shadowskeep. A bizarrity struck. The man and the keys were lost. Now the past calls to us, saying, a swamp creature keeps a key and may know where all the others lie.

Please, help us to find the keys and solve the riddle of the missing man ... and his keys.

Contact Larke if you would enjoy helping with the quest. There will be plenty of prizes offered.

After the quest, everyone is invited to a potluck feast and revel. Freydis Unraed is feast autocrat. Please call so she may place your name by the appropriate course. A special award will be given for the Most Period Dish and Presentation. Call Fryedis Unraed for further details.

When the moon rises, the bardic will begin. All fighters must participate. Yes, this is a forced bardic for those planning to fight in Sunday's tourney. A prize will be given to the best fighter's entry. Also, in all fairness, two more prizes will be awarded: one, for best amateur, and two, for best veteran. Also, the possibility of other awards at the judges' discretion may enliven the bardic even more.

Due to the 10,000' altitude, special considerations should be made. Alcohol must needs be kept to a minimum ... always remember one beer equals a six-pack at this height. Plus the roads are dangerous if you've been drinking. Camping is suggested since the nearest motel is 14 miles away, Campfires will be allowed upon autocrat approval. This is private land, so please bring wood, and where possible, camp stoves and barbecues. Because of the wood shortage, we encourage everyone to bring wood for themselves and possibly an extra bit for the bardic as well.

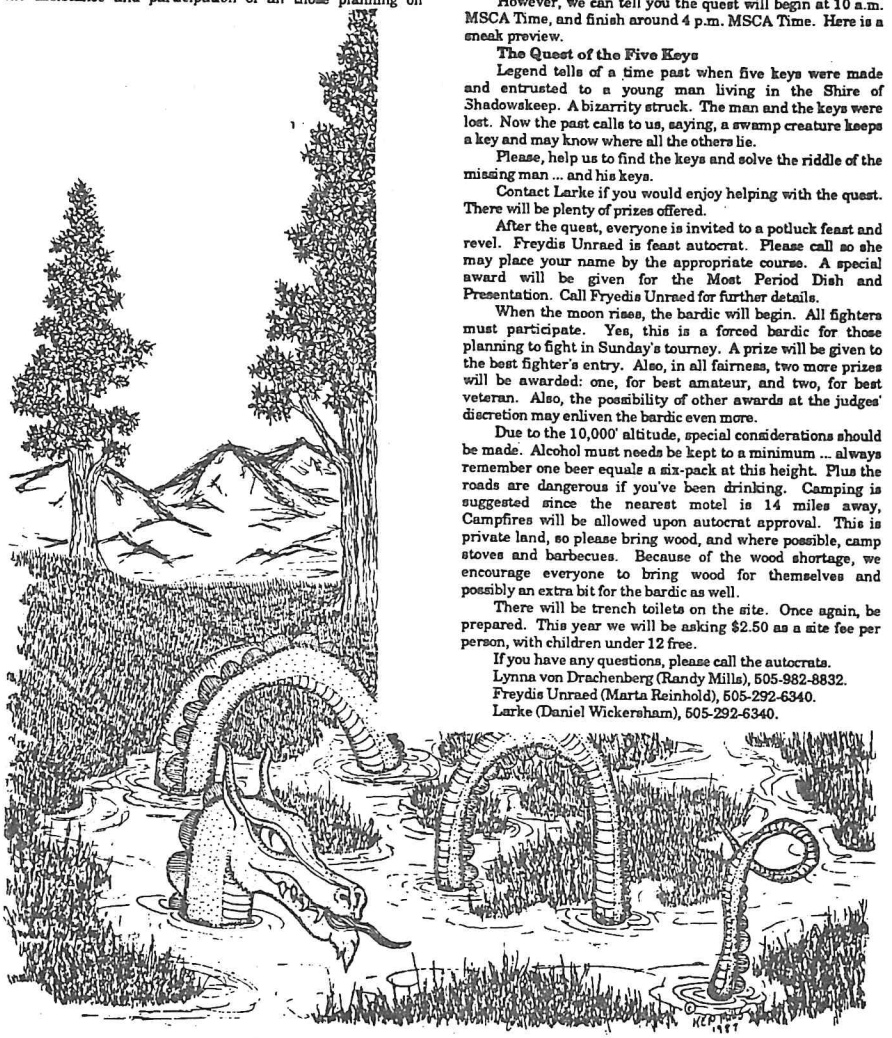
There will be trench toilets on the site. Once again, be prepared. This year we will be asking $2.50 as a site fee per person, with children under 12 free.

If you have any questions, please call the autocrats.

Lynna von Drachenberg (Randy Mills), 505-982-8832.

Freydis Unraed (Marta Reinhold), 505-292-6340.

Larke (Daniel Wickersham), 505-292-6340.



Groups Join for Summer Tourney

You are travelling wearily across the plains of the northern Outlands; the mountains in the west seem an impossible distance away. Finally, you come upon a green and pleasant place and find that the four northernmost groups in the Kingdom have prepared a gala event for your pleasure and participation.

The dates are June 27 and 28, AS XXII/1987, and the place is the Crow Creek Campground in Pawnee National Grassland, Briggsdale CO.

In fairness to all aspects of the SCA, we are working out a point system for all who enter the events, either arts and sciences competitions, the fighting and/or other competitions. We feel this will give all who participate an equal chance at being named "champion" or whatever title is best to use.

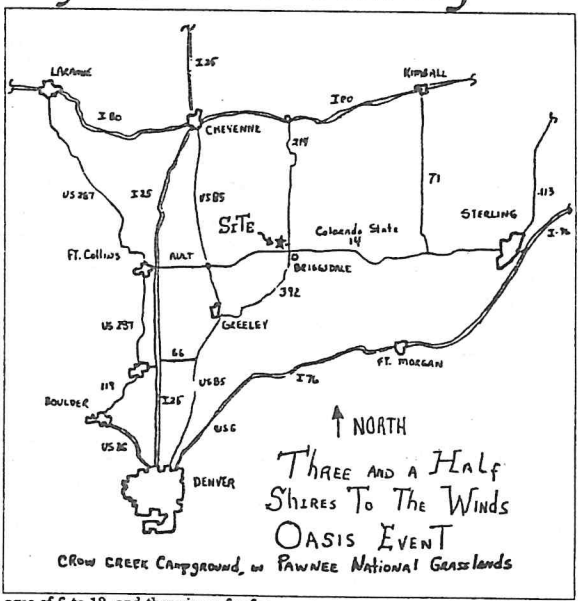
To keep our valiant fighting participants from being overcome by the summer's sun and heat, we will be holding a moonlight tournament for them. This site has a lighted softball field (whatever that is), that will provide an excellent lists field.

In addition to these major attractions, we also plan games of skill, quests, trivia quizzes, and a scavenger hunt. There will be categories for all ages to enjoy.

The site restrictions are only those normally imposed by the National Forest Service. THIS IS A WET SITE.

On site, there are plenty of camping spaces, some of which have RV hookups. There is also some shade, running water, toilets, firepits and a communal-type cooking area, which is covered and has both cooking and serving counters, electrical outlets and tables on which to feast. The tables, however, are not under the covered area.

The site fee for the two days is $5 per adult, $3 for children between the ages of 6 to 12, and there is no fee for children under 6.



A feast is planned for Saturday, June 27. The menu is not set yet, but there is to be a large variety of Middle Eastern dishes. The dishes will be selected and prepared to appeal to "American" tastes.

Feast fees by prepayment are: $5 prior to June 1; from June 2 to June 20, the fee is $6, and after June 21, and at the door, the fee is $7.

A brunch is planned for Sunday, using the theme of eggs. Brunch fees by prepayment are: $2 to June 1; $2.50 from June 2 to June 20, and after June 21, and at the door, $3.

Children's feast and brunch fees are half the adult fee.

If you plan to take part in the feast or brunch, you must include the appropriate amounts with your reservation, and you may also include the site fee. Reservations should be sent to Terry Foppe, 622 Whedbee Ave., Fort Collins CO 80524, 303-482-6608.

Site Chosen for Heraldry Symposium

The Known World Heraldic Symposium, AS XXII, will be held in the Kingdom of the West from Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 1987. To date several activities have been tentatively scheduled, including a Laurel meeting, seminars and classes on items of herladic interest, and a banquet with an heraldic theme. The symposium will be held on the campus of the University of California-Berkeley. Housing will be available through the university in rooms on campus; some crash space is also available. The weekend selected for the event is immediately after the Western June Crown Tournament (June 20-21), and just before the West Coast Regional Science Fiction Convention (Westercon 39, July 2-5), both of which will be held very close to Berkeley. For more information, please contact the autocrats: Mistress Alison von Markheim (Alison Douglas), PO Box 3266, Berkeley CA 94703, 4-15-420-1860 (10 a.m. - 11 p.m.), or Mistress Eilis O'Boirne, 415-486-0633 (3 p.m. - 11 p.m.).

Chivalry Focus of Tournament of the Roses

The Rose Riffraff and the House of Dusty Rose wich to invite all to a weekend of chivalric competition on July 18 and 19. This event is being jointly sponsored by the shire of Aarquelle and Caer Galen. It will be held in the San Isabel Forest west of Pueblo, Colorado. The actual site will be determined once the snow has melted off the area. We have narrowed it down to two very beautiful sites! (Don't worry; all of the snow will be gone by July.)

As was done at the tournament jointly sponsored by the Rose RiffRaff and the House of Dusty Rose at Outlandish last year, every fighter will be required to bear a favor into the tournament. To the lady or lord of the most chivalric fighter will go a rose quartz necklace and a baldric embroidered with roses. To the most chivalric fighter will go a silver heraldic rose. To the fighter who wins the tournament and his/her lord or lady will go an ounce of silver and two silver bracelets.

Further details on costs, location, etc., will be published after the snow melts enough for us to choose between the two sites currently available. For more information, contact either Lord Giovanni (303) 329-3877, or Mistress Demelza (303) 449-2479.

COCKA-LEEKIE SOUP

1 tough old rooster or laying hen past her prime
1 bay leaf
2 cups chopped leeks
8 cups stock or broth or water
2 Tbsp barley
2/3 cup prunes (optional, but very medieval)
salt and pepper to taste
OPTIONAL: diced carrots or other vegetables

Boil rooster with bay leaf until tender and falling off bones. Chill broth, de-bone and de-skin, and skim off solidified fat. Return meat to broth, after ascertaining that you have 8 cups worth of broth. Add leeks, prunes, barley, and optional vegetables, and simmer until barley is tender. Salt and pepper to taste. Serves 4 to 10, depending upon appetites and number of other dishes served. More barley can be added to make the soup heartier.

Though winter has not totally departed from the northern reaches of the Outlands, spring is arriving at West Wind Farm. The pastures are greening up, the bulbs expensively imported from the Low Countries are soon to bloom, and the chickens are coming out of their winter slump, and laying ar abundance of eggs. Poultry-keeping is a serious business a West Wind Farm, though in the Middle Ages in Britain, it wa not always so.

Chickens were introduced to the British Isles by the Romans and some breeds, such as the Silver-Grey Dorking, were recognized then and still exist today. For many centuries, eggs were not an important part of the diet, and were used as part of a recipe only. Chickens were bred mainly for cockfighting, and many different breeds of "fighting games" were developed. The only culinary use for these birds was to make cocka-leekie soup from the loser of a fight! Ducks and geese were the mainstay of medieval poultry-keeping, as they could withstand the rigorous climate better and were better at foraging for their food.

During Tudor times, different breeds of chickens from the Continent started to be imported, especially from the Mediterranean countries, and these more productive birds led to eggs becoming a more important part of the diet. Over the centuries, poultry-breeding became a fine art, and classic British breeds such as Cornish, Orpington, and Speckled Sussex are still with us today.

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